

## CLAIMS

1. A cutting board, comprising  
a cutting board surface, the surface having a central work area and a peripheral edge; and  
a knife sharpener secured to the cutting board.
- 5 2. The cutting board of claim 1, wherein the knife sharpener comprises a pair of ceramic rods secured within the cutting board.
3. The cutting board of claim 1, further comprising a sharpener housing mounted within a portion of the cutting board, the sharpener housing having an upper surface continuous with the cutting board surface.
- 10 4. The cutting board of claim 3, wherein the sharpener housing further comprises a notch.
5. The cutting board housing of claim 4, wherein the sharpener housing further comprises a first side and a second side, the notch being located on the first side, and further wherein the second side comprises a first bore and a second bore, each of the bores receiving  
15 a respective one of a first ceramic rod and a second ceramic rod.
6. The cutting board of claim 5, wherein the cutting board surface defines a plane and the first cutting rod comprises a central axis, the central axis of the first cutting rod when mounted in the first bore being at a non-orthogonal angle with respect to the plane of the cutting board surface.
- 20 7. The cutting board of claim 6, further comprising a groove on the second side of the sharpener housing, the groove receiving a cap for retaining the first cutting rod and the second cutting rod.
8. The cutting board of claim 1 wherein the cutting board is generally rectangular in shape and the knife sharpener is mounted in a first corner of the cutting board.
- 25 9. The cutting board of claim 1, wherein the cutting board is formed from polyethylene.

10. The cutting board of claim 1, wherein the cutting board is formed from a solid surface material.
11. The cutting board of claim 1, wherein the cutting board and knife sharpener are integrally formed.
- 5 12. The cutting board of claim 1, wherein the cutting board is mounted along the peripheral edge.
13. A cutting board, comprising:  
a generally planar board, the board having an upper surface, a lower surface, and an edge;  
a notch formed within the edge of the board; and
- 10 a knife sharpening element secured within the board, whereby a knife drawn through the notch will contact the knife sharpening element.
14. The cutting board of claim 13, wherein the knife sharpening element comprises a ceramic rod.
15. The cutting board of claim 13, wherein the board is formed from polyethylene.
- 15 16. The cutting board of claim 13, further comprising a knife sharpener housing, wherein the sharpener housing is formed in a first color and the board is formed in a second color.
17. The cutting board of claim 13, wherein the board is formed from a solid surface material.
18. A cutting board, comprising:
- 20 a cutting board surface, the surface having a central work area and a peripheral edge; and  
a means for sharpening a knife secured to the cutting board.
19. The cutting board of claim 18, wherein the sharpening means is integrally formed with the cutting board.
20. The cutting board of claim 18, wherein the sharpening means is permanently secured
- 25 to the cutting board.